NUMB. CCCXXXVI.

The SPECTATOR.

—— Clamant periiſſe pudorem
Cuncti pœne patres: ea cum reprehendere conor,
Quæ gravis Æſopus, quæ doctus Roſcius egit:
Vel quia nil rectum, niſi quod placuit ſibi, ducunt;
Vel quia turpe putant parere minoribus, & quæ
Imberbes didicere, ſenes perdenda fateri. Hor. Lib. 2. Epiſt. 1. v. 80.

Wedneſday, March 26. 1712.

SPECTATOR,

'AS you are the daily Endeavourer to pro-
'mote Learning and good Senſe, I
'think my ſelf obliged to ſuggeſt to
'your Conſideration whatever may
or prejudice them. There is an Evil
has prevailed from Generation to Genera-
which grey Hairs and tyrannical Cuſtom
to ſupport; I hope your ſpectatorial
will give a ſeaſonable Check to the
of the Infection; I mean old Men's over-
the ſtrongeſt Senſe of their Juniors by
Force of Seniority; ſo that for a young
the Bloom of Life and Vigour of Age to
reaſonable Contradiction to his Elders, is
an unpardonable Inſolence, and regard-
reverſing the Decrees of Nature. I am a
Man I confeſs, yet I honour the grey
much as any one; however, when in
with old Men I hear them ſpeak ob-
or reaſon prepoſterouſly (into which Ab-
Prejudice, Pride, or Intereſt will ſome-
throw the wiſeſt) I count it no Crime to
their Reaſonings, unleſs Conſcience muſt
to Ceremony, and Truth fall a Sacrifice
plaiſance. The ſtrongeſt Arguments are
ed, and the brighteſt Evidence diſappears,
thoſe tremendous Reaſonings and dazzling
eries of venerable old Age: You are young
decided Fellows, you have not yet had Expe-
of the World. Thus we young Folks find
bition cramp'd and our Lazineſs indulg'd,
while young, we have little Room to diſplay
ves, and, when old, the Weakneſs of
muſt paſs for Strength of Senſe, and we
hat hoary Heads will raiſe us above the
of Contradiction. Now, Sir, as you
enliven our Activity in the Purſuit of
, take our Caſe into Conſideration; and
Gloſs on brave *Elihu*'s Sentiments, aſſert
hts of Youth, and prevent the pernicious
iments of Age. The generous Reaſon-
of that gallant Youth would adorn your Pa-
and I beg you would inſert them, not doubt-
that they will give good Entertainment to
intelligent of your Readers.

ſe three Men ceaſed to anſwer Job, *becauſe*
hteous in his own Eyes. Then was kindled
of Elihu *the Son of* Barachel *the* Buzite,
Kindred of Ram: *Againſt* Job *was his Wrath*
becauſe he juſtified himſelf rather than God.
againſt his three Friends was his Wrath kindled,
they had found no Anſwer, and yet had con-
Job. *Now* Elihu *had waited till* Job *had*
ſpoken, becauſe they were elder than he. When Eli-
hu *ſaw there was no Anſwer in the Mouth of theſe*
three Men, then his Wrath was kindled. And Elihu
the Son of Barachel *the* Buzite *anſwered and ſaid,*
I am young, and ye are very old, wherefore I was
afraid, and durſt not ſhew you mine Opinion. I ſaid,
Days ſhould ſpeak, and Multitude of Years ſhould
teach Wiſdom. But there is a Spirit in Man: And
the Inſpiration of the Almighty giveth them Under-
ſtanding. Great Men are not always wiſe: Neither
do the aged underſtand Judgment. Therefore I ſaid,
hearken to me, I alſo will ſhew mine Opinion. Behold
I waited for your Words; I gave Ear to your Reaſons,
whileſt you ſearched out what to ſay. Yea, I attended
unto you: And behold there was none of you that
convinced Job, *or that anſwered his Words: Leſt ye*
ſhould ſay, we have found out Wiſdom: God thruſt-
eth him down, not Man. Now he hath not directed
his Words againſt me: Neither will I anſwer him
with your Speeches. They were amazed, they an-
ſwered no more: They left off ſpeaking. When I
had waited, (for they ſpake not, but ſtood ſtill and
anſwered no more.) I ſaid, I will anſwer alſo my
Part, I alſo will ſhew mine Opinion. For I am full
of Matter, the Spirit within me conſtraineth me.
Behold, my Belly is as Wine which hath no Vent, it is
ready to burſt like new Bottles. I will ſpeak that I
may be refreſhed: I will open my Lips, and anſwer.
Let me not, I pray you, accept any Man's Perſon,
neither let me give flattering Titles unto Man. For I
know not to give flattering Titles, in ſo doing my
Maker would ſoon take me away.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Have formerly read with great Satisfaction,
'your Papers about Idols, and the Behaviour
'of Gentlemen in thoſe Coffee-houſes where Wo-
'men officiate, and impatiently waited to ſee you
'take India and China Shops into Conſideration:
'But ſince you have paſs'd us over in Silence, ei-
'ther that you have not as yet thought us worth
'your Notice, or that the Grievances we lie un-
'der have eſcap'd your diſcerning Eye, I muſt
'make my Complaints to you, and am encourag'd
'to do it becauſe you ſeem a little at leiſure at this
'preſent Writing. I am, dear Sir, one of the top
'China-Women about Town; and though I ſay
'it, keep as good things, and receive as fine Com-
'pany as any o' this end of the Town, let the o-
'ther be who ſhe will: In ſhort, I am in a fair way
'to be eaſy were it not for a Club of Female
'Rakes, who, under Pretence of taking their inno-
'cent Rambles forſooth, and diverting the Spleen,
'ſeldom fail to plague me twice or thrice a Day,
'to cheapen Tea or buy a Screen, *what elſe ſhould*

'they

they mean? as they often repeat it. These Rakes are your idle Ladies of Fashion, who having nothing to do, employ themselves in tumbling over my Ware. One of these No-Customers (for by the way they seldom or never buy any thing) calls for a Set of Tea Dishes, another for a Bason, a third for my best Green Tea, and even to the Punch-Bowl there's scarce a Piece in my Shop but must be displac'd, and the whole agreeable Architecture disorder'd, so that I can compare 'em to nothing but to the Night-Goblins that take a Pleasure to over-turn the Disposition of Plates and Dishes in the Kitchens of your housewifely Maids. Well, after all this Racket and Clutter, this is too dear, that is their Aversion, another thing is charming but not wanted: The Ladies are cur'd of the Spleen, but I am not a Shilling the better for it: Lord! what signifies one poor Pot of Tea, considering the Trouble they put me to? Vapours, Mr. SPECTATOR, are terrible things; for tho' I am not possess'd by 'em my self, I suffer more from 'em than if I were. Now I must beg you to admonish all such Day-Goblins, to make fewer Visits, or to be less troublesome when they come to one's Shop; and to convince 'em, that we honest Shop-keepers have something better to do, than to cure Folks of the Vapours *gratis*. A young Son of mine, a School-Boy, is my Secretary; so I hope you'll make Allowances. I am Sir,

Your constant Reader
March the 22d. *and very humble Servant,*
Rebecca *the distress'd.*

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